(b) what steps do the Government propose to take to remedy the defect?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but will enquire and will, if necessary, have the railings raised.

Purchase of steel windows and doors from the Crittal Manufacturing Company, Limited.

* 374 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the total value of steel windows and doors, etc., purchased from the Crittal Manufacturing Company, Limited;
(b) whether any Indian firm manufactures such things;
(c) whether any of them were purchased after March last; and
(d) if so, what the total value of such purchases is?

A.—(a), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.
They await a report on the whole question from the Chief Engineer in January next, when the matter will be re-examined.
(b) No.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Development whether he did not promise during budget time that he would go into the question?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know whether he has gone into the question?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Yes, I have gone into the question and the Chief Engineer's report is awaited early in January or February."

Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why the answer to clause (c) has not been given in the answer?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"Because it was not considered necessary, in view of the fact that the report will be ready shortly."

Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, if the purchase is made in India, it will effect savings?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"It all depends upon the fact whether the steel is considered satisfactory or not. As we were expecting the report shortly from the Chief Engineer, we did not ask for an intermediate report."

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"Pending that report, may I ask the hon. Minister whether Government are going to make further purchases?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"As far as I am aware no purchases have been made."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"May I know from the hon. Minister in regard to (b), whether he is going to wait for the report from the Chief Engineer or whether he would get information in regard to this beforehand?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"No."